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In re application of: Guangwei Wu, Steve Kirtley, Thomas West

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-RESTRICTION

July 28, 2008

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Office Action dated 05/28/2008 indicates claims 1-20 are pending for the above referenced application, and claims 1-20 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. Furthermore, the Office Action states that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention.

In response to the election-restriction requirement, Applicant provides the following REMARKS for the above identified case. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the election-restriction requirement in view of the REMARKS.

To comply with the Office Action, Applicant elects Group II, claims 5-19, drawn to a method of chemical mechanical polishing.

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